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Tweed Adventure - Moderate Fitness Required

Mar 7, 2021 - Mar 10, 2021

Max Group Size - 11. Price from \$1,550 per person

The Tweed Region has so much to offer, we're going to have to work hard to pack in as much as we can in four days.

We are offering three trips to the Tweed with different focuses:

Trip 1 - Moderate fitness - up to 10km hikes, kayaking, cycling, art gallery - focus - Archibald Exhibition, night time hike using night vision goggles

Trip 2 - Beginner fitness - Easy hikes up to 8km, art gallery, cycling, local food - focus - hand picked eateries, easy hikes and cycle rides

Trip 3 - Advanced fitness - hikes up to 21 km, art gallery, local food and distilleries visits - focus - long beach walks and social outings

It's a great opportunity to make new friends in a small group environment. This short break is about making connections; connections with the local area, to the local people and businesses, to the stunning natural landscapes, to your fellow adventurers and maybe even to yourself as you take on new challenges and experiences.

Don't worry, it isn't all go-go-go, there will be downtime to relax and get to know your fellow travellers.

Our trips are about filling your life with experiences. Have stories to tell, not stuff to show. So, what are you waiting for? Grab the bull by the horns and join in today, you know you want to!

Trip Summary

———— **March 7 - Archibald & Margaret Olley Exhibition - The Perfect Combo**

Meet the Gang

———— **March 8 - Hike the Tweed (B)**

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———— **March 9 - Time to Bike & Kayak (B)**

———— **March 10 - Farewell (B)**

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March 7 - Archibald & Margaret Olley Exhibition - The Perfect Combo



Meet the Gang

If you are travelling from Toowoomba meet the transport at 8.00am for departure. We'll take a leisurely drive to the Tweed Valley, northern NSW*

Our first port of call will be at the amazing Tweed Regional Art Gallery to get your culture fix. There is a double whammy of Australian art exhibitions on at present for a very limited time.

You'll get tickets to see both the fascinating insight into the life and works of Margaret Olley, and the travelling 2020 Archibald exhibition.

The annual Archibald Prize is eagerly anticipated by artists and audiences alike.

First awarded in 1921, it is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious annual art awards for the best portrait painting. The Archibald Prize exhibition is a who's who of Australian culture – from politicians to celebrities, sporting heroes to artists.

This touring exhibition is an opportunity to see the finalists in the Archibald Prize 2020.

Even for the most ardent of art un-appreciators (that is a real word) will walk away with bragging rights from these exhibitions.

From here we'll check into our accommodation and relax.

If there is time we can take a 10min stroll to sample some local produce at the Husk Distillery as we enjoy the sun setting over green rolling hills.

Those looking for a delicious dinner or relaxing beverage follow us for a walk to the local tavern (own expense).

*If you prefer to take your own vehicle, meet us at the Tweed Regional Art Gallery for entry into the exhibition at 1pm (remember day light saving if coming from Qld). There is a wonderful cafe at the gallery if you get there early and want to have lunch beforehand.



March 8 - Hike the Tweed (B)



Hike the Tweed

Today you'll have the option of trying out one of the Tweed's many hikes*.

The Tweed Hinterland has so much to showcase when it comes to hiking. From private properties to National Parks, there are green hills, steep mountains and cascading waterfalls to be appreciated. Depending on the weather and energy levels we'll find a walk to suit.

After a hike we'll stop for lunch (own expense) at one of the quaint little hinterland villages.

Afternoon at leisure.

Tonight we are doing a hike which is the only one of its kind in the world!

Imagine exploring the Australian rainforest at night, searching for nocturnal wildlife. Instead of wielding a torch you're incognito, wearing special night vision goggles.

This is military grade technology that lets you see animals as they go about their business.

Because we don't use bright lights we are less intrusive and that means we can be more connected to what is going on all around us.

*Please note that Mount Wollumbin (Mt Warning) is currently closed.



March 9 - Time to Bike & Kayak (B)



You've done the hike now get on your bike and kayak (no prior experience required - although you probably should be able to ride a bike!)

We will kit you out with very comfortable double & single kayaks at the shores of Cabarita Lake. After a safety briefing we'll head off on a guided kayak adventure.

With the help of our experienced guide you'll explore the lake and wind your way down along the meandering creek to Kingscliff.

Lined with wetlands, mangroves and subtropical rainforest, this picturesque waterway is home to sea eagles, ospreys, kites, herons, kingfishers & more.

Closer to Kingscliff, there are sandy beaches where you can pull in for a picnic and a swim before you finish on the water.

After lunch (own expense) it's time to get on your bike and ride. We'll pick up the bikes in Kingscliff and cycle as far south as we feel comfortable before doubling back to the start. Stops are welcome to spend time on the beach, or perhaps in a coffee shop along the way.

Suggestion: What's better than fish and chips for dinner on the beach this evening (own expense)



March 10 - Farewell (B)



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OPTION 1 (\$299/pp) minimum 4 required to take this option.

You've seen what the Tweed Region has to offer on foot, road, boat, bike and kayak that only leaves the air as the only frontier to conquer.

This morning the option is to beat the sun up and take a hot air balloon ride to watch the dawn rise on your final day.

This really is a magical experience to float silently above the green rolling hills of the Byron Bay Hinterland. The take off and landing locations to be decided on the day on this final magical mystery tour.

OPTION 2 (No additional cost)

After dropping the ballooners off, we'll head into Byron Bay to do the Byron Walking Track loop around the lighthouse and watch the sunrise, not from the sky like the others, but from Australia's most eastern point on the mainland.

This is a 6km hike and will take up to 2 hours with stops to enjoy the views.

Which ever option you choose, we'll finish with a delightful gourmet breakfast at the renown Three Blue Ducks. Just perfect!

Enjoy a wander around the farm and gift shop before we depart for our journey home.

The tour finishes at 10am.

Return transport to Toowoomba for those who require it.



Information & Documents

INCLUSIONS



- Fully hosted - Group size min 6 - max 11 people
- All transport from arrival at accommodation (free transport from Toowoomba available on request)
- Free off street parking, if bringing your own vehicle
- Three nights accommodation - Choice of room on a first come first served basis
- Breakfast daily (3)
- Entry to art exhibitions
- Guided night hike with night vision goggles
- Guided kayak paddle
- Bike hire with hosted ride
- Optional hot air balloon ride (additional \$299pp)
- Optional sunrise walk at Byron Bay
- COVID Safe Plan in place



EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned
- Alcoholic drinks
- Personal expenses



Room Options

There are six rooms at this beautifully renovated house on the banks of the Tweed River. To make things fair rooms are priced according to their size and facilities, so you can choose a room to suit.

If you want a double occupancy room (either twin, queen or king) you must book nominate who you are sharing with at time of booking.

Rooms are booked on a first come, first served basis. So our advice is - book quickly!

ROOM 6 - Twin room share bathroom \$1,550/pp double occupancy max 2 people

ROOMS 5 & 4 - Queen room share bathroom \$1,550pp double occupancy, \$1,650pp single occupancy

Room 3, 2 & 1 - King room w/ensuite \$1,750 double occupancy, \$1,850pp single occupancy

OPTIONAL EXTRA - Balloon ride \$299

